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SUBJ: MACEACHEN'S FIRST PRESS BRIEFING

1. CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECSTATE ALLAN MACEACHEN
ON APRIL 30 GAVE FIRST ON-THE-RECORD PRESS BRIEFING
SINCE HIS ASSUMPTION OF PORTFOLIO IN AUGUST 1974.
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, IN THREE-QUARTER-HOUR EX-
CHANGE WITH NEWSMEN, MACEACHEN

--NOTED THAT CANADA AND WEST GERMANY ARE SEEKING
UNSC SEATS IN ELECTIONS LATER THIS YEAR;

--ANNOUNCED CANADA IS TO PROVIDE \$3 MILLION FOOD
AID TO MOZAMBIQUE TO MITIGATE EFFECTS OF IMPOSITION
OF RHODESIA SANCTIONS;

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--REITERATED CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR MAJORITY RULE

IN RHODESIA, OPPOSITION TO USE OF VIOLENCE TO SETTLE
DISPUTES, AND REJECTION OF IDEA THAT CANADA BE USED
AS HAVEN FOR WHITE RHODESIANS FLEEING MAJORITY RULE;

--FORESAW PROBLEMS IF COMMUNISTS ELECTED TO
GOVERNMENTS IN WESTERN EUROPE BUT SAID IT IS NOT
CANADA'S PLACE TO TELL PEOPLE IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS
ITALY HOW TO VOTE;

--EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS OVER RECENT LOS DEVELOP-
MENTS THAT HAD SURFACED AFTER IT HAD APPEARED THAT
CONSENSUS ON ECONOMIC ZONES HAD EMERGED FROM PREVIOUS
LOS CONFERENCES, AND SAID HE WOULD BE VISITING VIENNA
IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS THIS TOPIC;

--EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH PROGRESS OF IMPLE-
MENTING HELSINKI ACCORD AND WITH PACE OF MBFR TALDS;

--DID NOT SHARE OPTIMISM OF BELGIAN PRIMIN TINDEMANS
WHO SAID EARLIER IN WEEK THAT CANADA-EEC CONTRACTUAL LINK
AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED SHORTLY;

--REBUTTED REPORT OF 15 REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN WHO
HAD CHARGED THAT US-CANADIAN RELATIONS WERE DETERIORATING.
WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE ARE AND ALWAYS WILL BE
PROBLEMS IN SUCH A VAST RELATIONSHIP, HE CONTENDED THAT
"OUR METHOD OF DEALING WITH THINGS IS WORKING VERY WELL."

2. COMMENT: IN CONTRAST TO HIS PREDECESSOR, AND TO
THE DISMAY OF EXTAFF BUREAUCRACY, MACEACHEN HAS MAINTAINED
A GENERALLY LOW PROFILE AS MINISTER, SURFACING
ONLY OCCASIONALLY, SUCH AS DURING SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S VISIT OR FOR A SPEECH. HIS APPOINTMENT
EARLIER THIS YEAR OF GLEN SHORTLIFFE, PREVIOUSLY
HEAD OF EXTAFF USA DIVISION, AS HIS SPECIAL
ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS WAS PROBABLY RESULT OF
HIS RECOGNITION THAT IF EXTAFF IS TO RE-ESTABLISH
ITSELF AS ARCHITECT AND MANAGER OF CANADIAN FOREIGN
POLICY (IN DISTINCTION TO PM ADVISER IVAN HEAD),
GREATER VISIBILITY FOR MACEACHEN IS REQUIRED. PRESS
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CONFERENCE REPRESENTS STEP IN THAT DIRECTION.
ACCORDING TO NEWSMEN, MACEACHEN, PREVIOUSLY CON-
SIDERED TO BE A RIGHT-LIPPED, INTROSPECTIVE AND
UNCOMMUNICATIVE SCOT, CAME OVER WELL AS RELAXED AND
ON TOP OF HIS MATERIAL. SINCE HE APPEARED TO BE
COMFORTABLE WITH THE FORMAT, HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE
USING IT AGAIN.
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